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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte KATY DRIEU

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Appeal No. 2002-2228
Application No. 09/555,906

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ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

A Reply Brief was filed August 12, 2002, in response to the Examiner's Answer entered June 18, 2002 (Paper No. 18) . The Manual of Examining Procedure § 1208.04 (August 2001) states:

The examiner should notify appellant of consideration of the reply brief by using form paragraph 12.47.

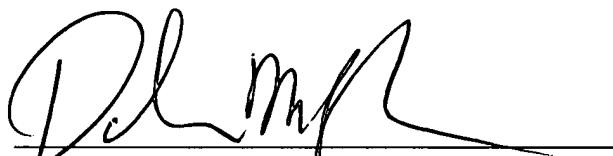
Additionally, the Reply Brief needs to be assigned a paper number and needs to be entered on the CONTENTS portion of the administrative file.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for consideration of the Reply Brief, written notification to appellants as to the entry status, assignment of a paper number, entry in the CONTENTS portion of the administrative file, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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